

**FLAMES DESTROY
BIG LUMBER MILL**

Vancouver Plant of Pittock & Leadbetter Burns to the Ground.

LOSS IS ABOUT \$250,000

Fire Breaks Out in Early Morning and Soldiers Help Fight Blaze.

Lumber Piled in Yards Is Saved.

Fire starting in the engine room of the Pittock & Leadbetter Lumber Mill at Vancouver almost entirely destroyed the plant early yesterday morning, entailing a loss of about \$250,000, upon which there is insurance amounting to about \$95,000.

The mill proper is a complete wreck and the machinery has been rendered worthless by the flames, except the boiler house and the lumber piled in the yards, of which there was a large quantity, were saved. This fortunate circumstance was due to the fact that there was no wind at the time of the fire.

The fire started about 3:30 A. M. The watchman passed through the engine room about 3:25 o'clock and everything appeared to be all right. About ten minutes later he noticed smoke issuing from the place and after trying to turn in an alarm by telephone, in which he was unsuccessful as he could not get central, the mill whistle was blown. By this time the flames had gained such headway that efforts to save the mill were futile. Before the fire apparatus of the city of Vancouver could be gotten into action, the frame of the mill was blazing furiously. The firemen did valuable work, however, in preventing the fire from spreading to the lumber piles in the mill yard.

The fire-fighting equipment of Vancouver Barracks was brought out and the soldiers did good work in checking the progress of the flames, which had spread under the dock at the mill and were fast devouring that structure. The dock was considerably damaged.

The machinery at the mill, which was wholly destroyed, was worth about \$150,000. Other damage was approximately \$100,000 more. The fire continued to burn fiercely up to noon yesterday, a number of piles of lumber supplying fuel for the flames.

The Pittock & Leadbetter Mill is owned by H. L. Pittock and F. W. Leadbetter, of Portland, and was one of the chief industries of Vancouver. It was built in 1889 by Michigan lumbermen and has had a varied career. It has changed hands a number of times and has been in the hands of receivers on different occasions. About 150 workmen were employed by the fire. The mill will be rebuilt just as soon as the insurance on the structure can be adjusted.

Large dry kilns, the mill and the storehouse for dressed lumber were saved and the greater part of the large stock of lumber on hand was not destroyed. Because of the circumstances materials for rebuilding will be available at once. It is believed that the mill will be running again before Fall.

Manager O. L. Cummings made the following statement yesterday afternoon: "The parts of the plant destroyed were: Machinery, machine shop, planing mill, saw door factory, Resaw saw department, lathe mill, part of the docks and about 2,000,000 feet of lumber. The parts saved are: Dry kiln, boiler and boiler-house, shed containing all dry finished lumber, shed containing mouldings and trimmings, office and office building, and a good deal of the lumber in the yards. The mill had a capacity for cutting 160,000 feet in 10 hours."

**FORM COMMERCIAL CLUB
Progressive Business Men of Oregon
City Start Movement.**

OREGON CITY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Dr. E. A. Somner, John Adams and other well-known professional and business men are bending their energies toward the formation of a Commercial Club in Oregon City, with good prospects of success. They had papers in circulation today and more than 50 signatures were obtained with no difficulty. The initiation fee is \$25 and the top floor of the new Masonic Temple will be procured if the scheme is pushed to completion, as it probably will be. Oregon City has long needed a Commercial Club and the project is being hailed with joy by the progressive people of the city.

**LEMOYNE GRANTED TIME
Diamond Maker Promises to Produce Gem in Court.**

PARIS, June 9.—Henry Lemoyme, a prominent mason of this state who was chosen deputy grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at the election of officers on Monday, will be elected worshipful grand master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. F. and A. M., today. The Grand Lodge will open its annual communication at the Masonic Temple this morning and will continue in session for three days. At the same time and place, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its annual session.

Norris R. Cox, of Portland, will be elected deputy grand master, and Charles E. Wolverton, of Portland, will be elected senior grand warden. The annual election will occur this afternoon and the annual address of the Grand Orator, H. W. Scott, of Portland, will be given. The installation of the newly elected officers will be held tomorrow, and Saturday's session will be taken up with the routine business of the session.

There are 300 delegates from all over the state who will attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, besides a number of visiting Masons who are not delegates. The communication will open at 10 o'clock this morning and the forenoon session will be taken up with the delivery of the annual address of the Grand Master, L. C. Pearce, of Salem, and with the reading of the annual reports of the grand secretary, grand treasurer and the trustees of the educational fund. Subordinate lodges in this state will also make reports.

The semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons continued in progress yesterday and will end tonight with the conferring of the 32d degree, Philip S. Malcolm will preside. Degrees from the 18th to the 31st were conferred yesterday, the latter degree being conferred last night. There will be no sessions of the Scottish Rite reunion during this morning or afternoon. Between 400 and 500 Scottish Rite Masons will attend the reception tonight to the new class, after the 32d degree has been conferred. A banquet will follow the exercises. Visiting 22 degree Masons from other states will also attend, as well as members of the consistory in Oregon, in large numbers.

**PROMINENT MASON WHO
WILL BE ELECTED WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER TODAY.**



Edward E. Kiddie, of Island City, Or.

MASONS IN SESSION

Edward Kiddie Will Head Grand Lodge.

MANY HERE TO ATTEND

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JOHNSON'S CAUSE IS LOST

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advanced by President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft at Chicago as their candidate for Vice-President. Mr. Cortelyou himself naturally declines to discuss the matter of his candidacy for the very sufficient reason that his native state has already in the field a candidate for the Presidency in the person of Governor Hughes.

That fact has so far operated to prevent open exchanges between the friends of Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Taft's managers. But it can now be stated as a fact that in the opinion of his friends the time has come when Mr. Cortelyou should be placed in a position to be recognized as New York's candidate for the Vice-Presidency in event of the elimination of Mr. Hughes from the Presidential race. As a necessary step to a successful campaign in that direction they had first to be ascertained the attitude that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft would assume toward Mr. Cortelyou's candidacy. The Secretary himself has declined to make any move in the matter, but his friends have not felt restrained by that fact, and already they feel that they have received encouragement and are prepared to move in force upon the convention delegates at Chicago. One reason for their confidence is asserted to be their belief that by strenuous opposition offered by the Fairbanks contingent to the recognition of Southern Taft delegates in the battle before the committee now in progress, the coupling of the names of Taft and Fairbanks or of Roosevelt and Fairbanks on one ticket has become impossible.

Therefore tomorrow Mr. Cortelyou's advance guard starts for Chicago, led by Assistant Secretary Louis Coolidge, a Bostonian of long experience in public affairs and of wide acquaintance with the various boom

managers now in Chicago. Cornelius N. Bliss, one-time member of McKinley's Cabinet, and treasurer of the last Republican campaign committee, is also said to be bound for Chicago in Mr. Cortelyou's interest, while among other political leaders expected to espouse his cause is said to be Senator Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, whose support is most anxiously desired by the Administration forces.

CANNON SAYS HE WILL STICK

But He Will Not Mix Personally. Dick Works for Foraker.
CHICAGO, June 9.—Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, arrived in Chicago today from his home in Danville, Ill., and declared himself a candidate for President "until they stop voting or elect some one else."

"I am here on business," said the Speaker. "I just ran up from Danville this morning, and will return home tonight. I am not here to open headquarters—the boys are doing that for me. I won't ever go down there nor will I visit any other place where the boys are mixing it."

Mr. Cannon declared that in his opinion it was not the proper thing for a candidate for the Presidency "to mix in personally," but he should "leave that sort of trouble for the boys."

When told of the fact that Frank

CHOSEN FOR HIGH MASONIC OFFICE



Norris R. Cox Will Be Elected Deputy Grand Master.

Hitchcock was no longer acting as assistant secretary for the National committee, he remarked: "Well, if he were removed, the people doing things probably knew what they were doing, but as to that I am not fully acquainted."

When asked if he was in the race to "stick," he sat upright in his chair and snapped: "Stick? Why, the State of Illinois is behind me, and that is enough to make a man do almost anything. Stick? Well, I should say so."

Senator Charles Dick, of Ohio, announcing himself as a Foraker man first, last and all the time, arrived here today. He will probably appear before the National committee in the interest of some of the Foraker contestants delegations from the South. He declined to express any opinion as to the situation, saying that he has been in Chicago too short a time.

LOGE TO NOMINATE GUILD

Governor Is Receptive Candidate for Vice-President.
WASHINGTON, June 9.—It has been determined by the friends of Governor Curtis Guild, of Massachusetts, that his name shall be presented to the Chicago convention as a candidate for Vice-President.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, who is to be permanent chairman of the convention, will leave the chair during the proceedings to present to the convention the candidacy of Mr. Guild. The nomination will be seconded by Chase S. Osborne, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Mr. Guild arrived in Washington today.

"Some discussion has appeared in the newspapers concerning my candidacy—if so it can be termed—for the nomination for Vice-President," said he. "As I have said all along, I am merely in a receptive mood. My name probably will be presented to the convention, but I am not in Washington for the purpose of promoting my political interests."

Mr. Guild took luncheon with Pres-

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dent Roosevelt. He will not attend the National Convention.

HARPS ON SAME OLD STRING

Bourne Redoubles Efforts to Bring About Roosevelt's Nomination.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—With news from Chicago all indicating Taft's nomination, Senator Bourne becomes more persistent in his "second-elective" crusade. The Washington Star today cartoons him as an attenuated troubadour playing a second-elective term tune on a banjo, under the window of the White House, where Roosevelt and Taft sit, smiling over telegram from Chicago. A White House policeman is shown trying to drive Bourne away, declaring he's a nuisance and disturbing the peace.

MITCHELL BOOM LAUNCHED

Democrats of Texas Start Campaign for Labor Leader.

DALLAS, Texas, June 9.—A conference of leading Democrats of Texas, including many members of the Democratic State Committee, which adjourned last night, was held here today, and John Mitchell, expatriate of the United Mineworkers, was indorsed for Vice-President on the ticket with William F. Bryan. A National campaign in the interests of the labor leader was launched.

EUGENE INVITES PORTLAND

EXCURSION TO COLLEGE TOWN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.

New Southern Pacific Depot to Be Dedicated—Commencement at University of Oregon.

EUGENE, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Tomorrow morning a committee from the Eugene Commercial Club, consisting of President C. S. Williams, Manager John H. Hartog, Dr. D. A. Paine, G. D. Linn, president of the Merchants Protective Association, and W. M. Green, will go to Portland to invite the Portland business men and members of the University of Oregon alumni, to visit Eugene on Wednesday, June 24, which is commencement day and which will mark the completion of the new Southern Pacific depot here.

The committee will meet Tom Richardson and one of William McMurray's representatives at the Portland Hotel at 7:30 P. M., where final arrangements for the excursion will be made. A half rate will be given those who come to Eugene. The excursionists will be chosen by In-

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TO ALL FORMER RESIDENTS OF CHICAGO

To assist a self-appointed committee in the organization of a CHICAGO ASSOCIATION in Portland, you are kindly urged to send your name and address to the undersigned at your earliest convenience. When a sufficient number of names has been received, a notice of the first meeting will be mailed to each. We believe it would be a good thing to perpetuate the memory of our former home, where we learned to say "I WILL."

LEWIS M. HEAD, Chairman
201-2-3 Commercial Club Building, Portland, Oregon.

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QUITE ANGRY AT ARREST

H. K. Tackleson Must Stand Trial for Selling Liquor to Minors.
OREGON CITY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—H. K. Tackleson, who was arrested yesterday for selling whisky to a minor, and placed under \$500 bonds to appear at the Superior Court for trial, Tackleson was arrested last Fall, along with James Jesse Holberg and Ben Bernmosher, for selling beer to minors. Holberg failed to reach an agreement. Holberg and Bernmosher pleaded guilty and escaped with \$1,000, but Tackleson fought the case and was convicted and sentenced to serve a term in jail and pay a fine, but he was finally paroled by Judge McBride upon petition of nearly every resident of Canby, which is the home of the four men, whose arrest grew out of the death of young Charles Kinsel, who was strangled after a drunken debauch with a lot of young companions last Fall. Tackleson was expected to plead guilty at the April term of court, but he changed his mind and as a result District Attorney Hedges surprised him with a second and stronger indictment and increased his bail.

Two Cases Affirmed.

SALEM, June 9.—(Special.)—Two appealed cases were decided in the Supreme Court today, each case being affirmed. The first case is that of C. W. Fredenlund, appellant, vs. Brown & McCabe, stevedores, respondents, from Multnomah County, John B. Cleland, judge. The opinion affirming the decision of the court below was written by Justice Eakin.

The other case is that of E. W. Rumble and F. D. McCully vs. E. H. Crawford, from Union County, T. H. Crawford, Judge. The opinion of the Supreme Court is by Justice Moore.

Portland Firm Gets Contract.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—The contract for building and erection of the new school building at Gladstone has been let to Parsons & Varney, of Portland, who were the lowest bidders, their figures being \$187,000. Construction will commence immediately. The directors of the Gladstone district have engaged Brenton Vedder, of Arlington, as principal.

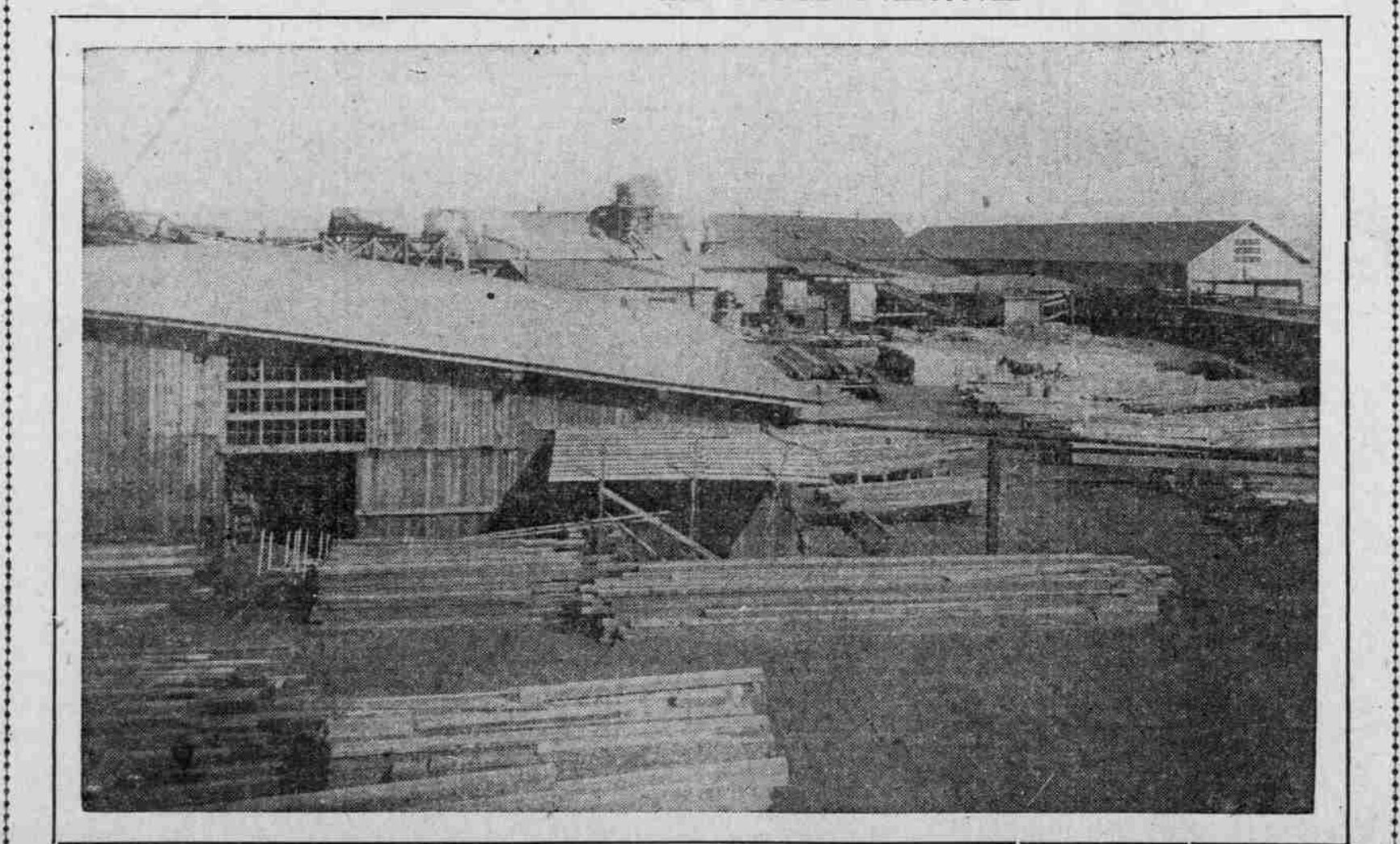
Sam Bray Given 75 Days.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Sam Bray was today sentenced to serve 75 days in the County Jail for robbery. He stole money and jewelry from John Walleck while both of them were on a spree several weeks ago.

Plague Scare Blows Over.

ASTORIA, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—That the Government believes the danger of plague infection from California ports is disappearing is indicated by instructions received today by Dr. Holt, Federal quarantine officer at this port from the Surgeon-General, stating that in the future vessels sailing from San Francisco

DESTROYED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE AT VANCOUVER



PLANT OF THE PITTOCK & LEADBETTER LUMBER COMPANY WHICH BURNED AT LOSS OF \$250,000.

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